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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 1, 5-8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yagi et al (Japanese Publication 09-314719, Herein Machine Translation is used) in view of Sawada et al (U. S. Patent 5,112,673).

Yagi et al disclose a light shielding packaging material comprising polyethylene terephthalate film (1) having deposited layer (7) of aluminum oxide or silicon oxide, white print coating layer (2), colored resin layer (4) and sealing layer (5) (Figure 2, Paragraphs 0013, 0014 and 0024-0027). Yagi et al fail to teach additional metal oxide layer between colored resin layer (4) and the sealing layer (5).

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Sawada et al teach laminated moistureproof film comprising a metal oxide coated film between the sealant layer (C) and an adhesive layer (a) to regulate the overall thickness of the moistureproof film (Col. 5, lines 42-51).

Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of this invention made to add polyethylene terephthalate film (1) having deposited layer (7) of aluminum oxide or silicon oxide between the colored resin layer (4) and the sealing layer (5) to regulate the thickness of the light shielding packaging material.

4. Claims 9, 11 and 12 are allowed since art of record does not teach or suggest claimed laminate of claim 9.

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. S. Nakarani whose telephone number is (571) 272-1512. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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